(ii) Improvement of O.P.D. facilities in Safdarjung Hospital.

(iii) Improvement of efficiency of indoor case.

Rise in Newsprint price by the Mysore Paper Mills

@*373. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mysore Paper Mills, a public sector unit, has recently raised the newsprint price;

(b) if so, what was the increase per tonne and what is the price now; and the number of times the price of newsprint has been increased and by how much during the last three years; and

(c) what is the reason for the present increase?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 93]

(c) Increase in the price of newsprint has been reported to be mainly on account of increase in input costs.

Reopening of the units of the Metal Box India Ltd.

*374. SHRI B.L. PANWAR:
DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN.

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether various units of Metal Box India Ltd. are lying closed at present; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to reopen them and to protect the interest of over 6500 employees of the company?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Eight out of the nine units of Metal Box India Ltd., were closed down between November 1987 and January 1988. Subsequently, two units in Bombay were reopened in July 1988 and the Madras unit commenced operations in April, 1989.

(b) M/s. Metal Box India Ltd., has made a reference before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction in January 1988 under Section 15 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The matter is pending before BIFR

Tidal Power Project in the Rann of Kutch

*375. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 190 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the techno-economic evaluation of the feasibility report for the tidal power project in Rann of Kutch as also the further investigations and studies on certain aspects of the project have since been done;

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings of the studies and final decision taken thereon;

(c) what are the salient features of the project;

(d) whether projects for coastal areas other than Rann of Kutch have also been considered; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the estimated cost per unit of power to be so generated?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) While initiating techno-economic evaluation of the feasibility report of the tidal power project in Rann of Kutch in 1988-89, it was decided to carry out further investigations and studies, which are still in progress.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

@Previously Starred Question 213 transferred on the 16th May, 1990